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DONATIONS: Pam Old and Sheila Fuller, who work in the new Lions shop in Leigh.

THE LEIGH Lions Club has opened a new shop in order to raise funds for local good causes.

The new shop based on London Road, in Leigh, needs donations of goods to sell on.

Sheila Fuller, who works at the shop, said anything and everything could be donated.

She said: "We would be grateful for any donations.

"Another thing that I think is really good that we have set up is recycling spectacles and also mobile phones.

If anyone would like to veland donate to the shop they

can drop their items in during opening noun-from 10am to 4pm, apart from Wednesdays and

Since forming in 1991 the club has provided hands-on assistance to many local organisations. It has helped hundreds of people in need and supported charitable causes with more than £150,000 in donations.

The Leigh Lions Club meet at 8pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at The Estuary Club, 1386 London Roaď, Leigh. Anyone is welcome to join.

NCIL TO

By Paul Giles

A ZERO per cent council tax rise could be agreed at Southend Council tomorrow.

Councillors must decide if it will freeze the tax in its draft budget.

Council leader, Nigel Holdcroft, said although he was on record describing last year's budget as being the most difficult the council had set for years, his cabinet was

recommending that council tax for Southend, already one of the lowest in the country, should not be increased in 2012/13.

This would be achieved by accepting George Osborne's offer of a grant to cover the shortfall incurred by freezing the tax, which currently has financial implications for future years.

Mr Holdcroft said: "Even though we were required to make slightly

less savings and efficiencies this year the decisions we had to take weren't any easier and this budget proved an equally onerous task.

Existing parking charges have also been frozen across the borough in a bid to assist the local economy and boost local businesses.

Mr Holdcroft said: "The economic situation across Europe has worsened in the last 12 months and you only have to switch on the news or look at a paper to realise we're nowhere near out of the woods yet.

"We didn't get ourselves into this financial mess but we've got to be responsible for doing our bit to help the country get out of it.

"Luckily this authority had begun the process of identifying efficiencies well before the current financial disaster struck and we were in a more favourable position than some others."

Assault charge

CHARLENE Cavanagh appeared at Southend Magistrates Court on last Wednesday charged with assault.

The 30-year-old from Locksley Close, Southend, was accused of beating David Toops on Sunday, January 18,

She was given a six month conditional discharge and given 14 days to pay £45 for the cost of the case.

Christmas appeal

SOUTHEND Radio 105.1 has helped Southend Homeless charity HARP raise more than twice its target for its Christmas Appeal.

The charity and the radio station had been asking people to donate just £10 each in order to raise £7,000 to buy homeless people a Christmas lunch.

The final total for the appeal has been announced as £14.857.

Woman attacked

A WOMAN was attacked on a footpath between Britannia Road and Chalkwell Avenue on Sunday, January 15 at 7.50pm.

The woman was walking along Victory Path when a man approached her from behind and tried to grab her.

The attacker is believed to be white and had an Essex accent. The victim, who is in her 20s and lives in Westcliff, was unable to give any further descriptions.

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WELL DONE: Staff, students and dignitaries at Southchurch Adult Education Centre.

College celebrate students' achievements in ceremony

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Adult Community College has been celebrating the achievements of some of its stu-

Learners attended the Business Enterprise Skills Training Centre, in Ambleside Drive, to pick up

their awards last Thursday.

Among the 19 learners, staff, partners and community groups was Gemma Cartwright, who was awarded Language Learner of the

with clients from Latin America and is looking forward to using her new skills on a day-to-day basis.

She said: "I've really enjoyed the course and although I am sometimes tired after work, our class tutor really motivates us to learn.

"It is also quite relaxing to apply my brain to a different set of skills than those I use at work during the day - I also love learning and keeping my brain active."

Gary Rose, director of vehicle

brokers Planet Leasing, who won Employer of the Year, said the company had three apprentices training with the college. He said: "Our apprentices picked

things up so quickly it's been great for the business. "The support we've all had from

the college has been excellent; they're head and shoulders above the rest.

Principal Stephen Lay said award events are an important part of College life.

be inspired to take up further learning or training through hearing about the success of the award

'In these tough economic times it is heartening to see that our learners have not let this get in their

"In fact it has made them more sen courses.

"They should all be very proud of what they have achieved

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Hospice banners

POLICE are investigating a theft where two large banners promoting Havens Hospices were stolen in Leigh.
The banners were secured to the

bridge in Belton Way, Leigh, before they were stolen between 1pm last Wednesday and 8am the following

The two colourful promotional banners are sized 8ft by 3ft and are

worth a total of about £140.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Dan Morgan at Leigh Police Station on 101.

Fisherman goes 'sole searching' with new book

LEIGH fisherman, Paul Gilson, has just published his first autobiographical account of growing

up in a fishing dynasty. Sole Searching, Tales of a Thames Fisherman is a unique collection of short stories and poems based on his 40 years at sea and the three decades working for the RNLI.

The author takes readers from the comfort of their chair to the rolling deck of a boat in a storm force 10 and vividly describes the excitement of catching fish and the beauty of the Thames Estuary.

Paul will be the first ever author to

hold a book signing at Southend Pier, on Sunday, February 12.

Items taken in house burglary

BURGLARS smashed glass in a front door of a home in Ditton Court Road, Westcliff, between 7pm on Thursday, January 12, and 8am the following

They made off with various electrical items and about 40 DVDs with a total value of about £1,100.

Anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area over Thursday night is asked to contact the investigating officer, PC Christian Forbes, at Southend Police Station on

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SECURE: Neil Hoskins at the bike parking outside the Odeon/Victoria Shopping Centre in Southend.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles

A NEW scheme in Southend could see an increase in the amount of free cycle stands appearing in the borough.

Community groups, small businesses, surgeries, offices and other organisations are all eligible to apply for the new cycle parking stands.

Each of the stands will hold two bikes and the group taking them on at its premises are responsible for the installation of them.

The scheme is part of a social enter-prise scheme called ParkThatBike supported by Southend Council and funded by the Department of Transport.

Southend councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Tony Cox, explained the project showed the counproviding

improved cycle facilities in the town. He said: "Good cycle parking reduces the likelihood of bikes being stolen or damaged and sends a strong message that an organisation is doing its bit to promote cycling and to reduce its carbon footprint."

Peter Andrews, from ParkThatBike, thinks the scheme is a simple, cost effective initiative to combat cycle theft and to make cycling easier and more convenient.

He said: "We're particularly keen to

see applications from small businesses, community groups and voluntary sector organisation who would otherwise struggle to afford quality cycle park-

To apply on-line for a pair of cycle stands visit www.parkthatbike.com/ applyonline.cfm or call 01594 564344.

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Thieves steal high performance bike

THIEVES made away with a white Boardman Performance Hybrid Comp bike worth around £600.

Between 1pm on Tuesday, January 10 and 6am on Wednesday, January 11, a rear garden shed in Boscombe Road, Southend, was entered and the bike stolen.

Anyone who saw suspicious activity at the time of the theft, or knows where this bike has turned up, is asked to contact PC Sue Hellier at Southend Police Station

Tyres slashed on vehicle

ABOUT £200 damage was caused after two tyres were slashed on a car parked in Tankerville Drive, Leigh, between 2pm on Sunday, January 8 and 11am on Monday, January 9.

If you saw anything suspicious call PC Janine Bush at Leigh Police Station on 101.

Recycle items in mini banks

SOUTHEND Council is reminding people they can deposit recyclable items in the boroughs mini banks.

Different coloured glass can now all be put in one container, instead of having to go in separate containers.

Other materials such as plastic bottles and drink cans will also be mixed in one container instead of being separated.

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Police link rob ries carried out on same

A TEENAGER has been robbed by a group of three youths.

The 13-year-old boy was walking with a friend along an alleyway between St Benets Road and Regency Green, in Southend, at 8.30pm, last Friday. The three youths approached the pair and grabbed the arm of the teenager.

They then patted both boys down

and stole a mobile phone from the hand of the victim.

Earlier on the same day at about 3.55pm, a 19-year-old man was robbed in the same location and an appeal has already been issued for this earlier robbery.

The two boys describe the three robbers as being of Asian appearance and all wearing hoodies. One was fat, another was skinny and the third was tall.

PC Paul Brown is investigating both incidents in this alleyway on January 6. He said: "Initially this second incident was dealt with as a theft rather than a robbery so did not come to the attention of us in the Target Team.

"Now it would seem that the same vouths committed two street robberies in this alleyway about five hours apart."

If anyone recalls seeing any of the three robbers, or seen youths matching this description hanging around this area in the past they should contact PC Brown.

He can be reached in the Target Team at Southend Police Station on

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Telling the story of the Cactus Climber through art and music

By Paul Giles

THIS weekend will see a showcase of artwork and music from a book written the by lead singer of heavy west-ern band Phillious Williams.

Mark Schubert wrote a book called 'The Life Loves and Trials of a Cactus Climber' when he was recovering from breaking four vertebrae.
The 40-year-old also illustrated the

book while he was recovering.

If that was not enough, he also

wrote a soundtrack to go with the story that is set in the wild west.

On Friday, Mark will be joined by local musicians in The Ship pub to

play tunes from the book.

It will be the first time the songs

have been played in public.

Mark has been left shocked at how the songs have evolved since he first

wrote them.

He said: "The bar has really been raised on some of them.

"Owen Williams has took one song and really made it his own.

"Another song starts up and when the gospel singers come in. It's just amazing.

Artwork from the book, which Mark says 'is a coming of age and love story in one', will also be on show up until Sunday night in the White Wall Space Gallery opposite the pub.

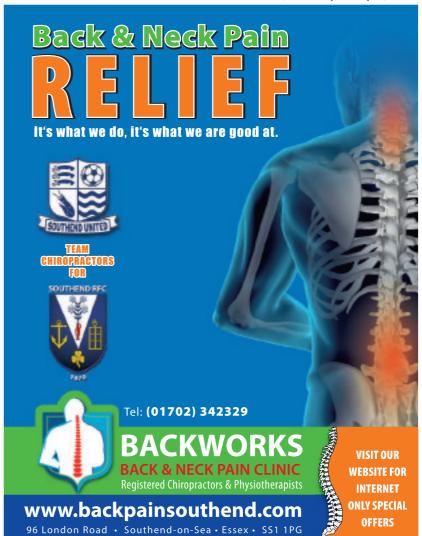
Talking about the story Mark said:

"The cactus climber in the story is a metaphor for people who go and destroy themselves and take risks that could be fatal for them.

"People really need to read the SHOWCASE: Mark Schubert who has written a book "People really need to read the SHOWCASE: MARK Schubert which has subsequently to find out what happens to illustrated it and written a soundtrack to the story.

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Tax fraudster jailed

A TEACHING assistant who fraudulently claimed almost £30,000 in housing and council tax benefit from Southend Council has been jailed for four months.

Clare Dominguez-Dona, 37, received the money over a three-year period after falsely claiming she was a single parent who was renting her home and was in receipt of Income Support. But Southend Magistrates' Court heard on Monday, January 9, that in June 2011 the council discovered that the married mum-of-four had purchased her home in Westborough Grove, Westcliff.

Officers from the authority's Corporate Fraud Investigation Team carried out Land Registry checks which revealed Dominguez-Dona had paid £230,000 for the house in October 2004.

She was later interviewed under caution and admitted that she had continued to receive Housing Benefit until December 2007 when she landed a job at a primary school in Leigh.

She also admitted failing to inform the council that she and her husband had purchased their home and making a false statement on a Housing Benefit form in 2006.

The court heard that the total overpayment to the defendant, a teaching assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, amounted to £29,709.95.

Dominguez-Dona admitted one count of dishonestly failing to promptly declare a change of circumstances and one count of dishonestly making a false statement.

The court told her that she had committed a serious offence over a long period of time, and had aggravated matters by making the false statement.

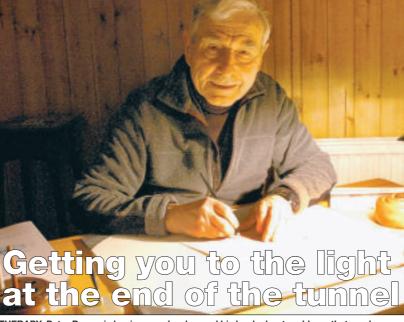
Both charges were brought under the Social Security Administration Act 1992. Dominguez-Dona has since agreed to start repaying the money at the rate of £100-a-month, which will take her more than 24 years to pay back the full amount.

Andrew Moring, executive councillor for corporate support services, said the council is committed to paying bene-

fits to those people who are entitled to them.

He said: "It has a duty to protect the public purse against abuse of the system and take action against those who commit benefit fraud.

"Benefit fraud is an offence - plain and simple - and repayment of benefit is not the only consequence of committing it, as this case makes abundantly clear.



THERAPY: Peter Breuer is hoping people who read his book about problems that can be resolved by therapy will find the light at the end of the tunnel. Picture by Mark Cler

A SOUTHEND pensioner has made the subject of neurosis easier for people to understand in a book he has written.

Peter Breuer, has published a book called 'Hidden Agendas' focusing on problems that can be resolved for people by having therapy.

The 84-year-old explained

the best way to describe neurosis was as 'emotional constipation'

He said: "I found it shocking that very few people know

about neurosis."

Mr Breuer, who has a decade worth of experience practicing hypno analysis, explained neu-rosis is when someone has a bad experience and they do not realise the feeling that causes

that subconscious block. He said: "If you know about the subject you can see the manifestations in people all around you.

"But you can't keep telling people about it because as a conversation subject it can become a bit boring.

"So that's why I have set it down in a book for people to go through and to get to the light at the end of the tunnel."

The author, who lives in Balmoral Road, Westcliff, believes people with neurosis are not the people that they could really be at their full potential.

Hidden Agendas is available from Happy, in Hamlet Court Road, and Carousel, near Chalkwell Park

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Holocaust memorial

THOSE who suffered and died in the Holocaust and more recent genocides are being remembered at an event this

To mark National Holocaust Memorial Day, the Mayor of Southend, Councillor David Norman, will plant a tree at 12pm in Victoria Avenue, between Churchill Gardens and Southend Civic Centre.

The simple ceremony is being staged to commemorate the lives of those who perished in the Holocaust at the hands of the Nazis and died as a result of more recent atrocities.

Half term sport

YOUNGSTERS aged from eight to 16 are urged to book for the February half-term Biz Multi Sports Scheme.

The scheme runs from Monday, February 13, to Friday, February 17, at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre, and the Chase Sports and Fitness Centre, from 8:30am to 4pm daily, with a late-stay option.

For more information and to book contact Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre on 01702 613000, Shoeburyness Leisure Centre on 01702 293558 or the Chase Sports and Fitness Centre on 01702 433006.

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Tributes paid to man with a 'heart of gold'

By Paul Giles

THE FAMILY of a man who was found dead in a flat in Station Road, Westcliff, has paid tribute

Roy Sly was discovered on Tuesday, January 10, by police after concerns were raised about his welfare.

The 53-year-old was a divorced father-of-three. He loved music, particularly rock 'n' roll and was an Elvis fan, having been a Teddy Boy in his

He is also described as very kind and had a brilliant sense of humour, and could take a joke as well as tell them.

Roy's sister Barbara and brother Bob Sly said he was a loving brother who cared about his family.

They said: "His life was cut short, he was taken away from us all too soon. He had a heart of gold and would have helped any-

"His love for his 92-year-old mother was unquestionable and he helped look after her, providing meals and sharing the care of her through the night.

"Every time we see her she asks why he has not been to see

her. It breaks our heart,

"As children we used to go out for the day with our sandwiches and have fond memories of play-

and have fond memories of playing in Southchurch Park."

Bob said: "We would climb trees, play fight, go eel fishing and play football. However I did get into trouble as being older than Roy. I should have known better than to let his new football kit get covered in mud. As we got old we used to go for a pint and a game of pool or darts."

The family has said they have

so many memories in their hearts that will keep Roy alive and with them forever.

They added: "We will miss him deeply. Rest now dear brother, may you sleep in peace."

Other family members remem-ber how Roy looked after them when they were children, cooking them dinner, buying sweets and teaching them how to draw.

He loved fishing and would

take them with him, no matter what the weather was like. Another niece remembers how

Roy would laugh at her when she slid down a slide and the static caused her hair to stand on end.

■ Two people have been charged with murder and remanded in custody.



TRIBUTE: Roy Sly who was found dead in his flat.

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DISCUSSES:

SCIATICA

Sciatica "Si-at-ika" is a group of symptoms involving pain in the buttock and back of the leg, usually on one side of the body. In addition to pain there may be any combination of pins & needles, numbness, tingling and muscle weakness in the affected

The true meaning of Sciatica is often misunderstood. The term is merely a group of symptoms and not a diagnosis. This means that if you have been told you have Sciatica, you still have not been given a diagnosis, as the diagnosis is being told what is causing your Sciatica symptoms. Having a correct diagnosis is important because the treatment options for the various causes are very different.

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- Spinal Stenosis: This is where the hole for your spinal nerve to exit from the spinal canal closes up and puts pressure on the affected nerve, causing Sciatica

■ Piriformis Syndrome: The piriformis is a muscle in your buttock. The Sciatic nerve passes very closely to this muscle and in rare cases passes through the muscle. When this muscle gets tight it can irritate the Sciatic nerve, which can cause Sciatica

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FISH FUNDS: Brad Oldham and his team

A FISH and chip restaurant has raised more than £100 for Havens Hospices in a festive 'Fish-mas' raffle.

Customers of the renowned Oldham's fish and chip shop, made donations to the charity in return for a raffle ticket and the chance to win a free fish supper.

The raffle raised more than £125 for Havens Hospices which incorporates Fair Havens Hospice and Little Havens Children's Hospice.

Three lucky winners and their friends will be treated to a plateful of Oldham's delicious fish and chips knowing their donations will help the charity to continue caring for children and adults with life-limiting illnesses.

Oldham's owner, Brad Oldham, said it was the least he could do for local hospices.

He said: "There are many people in our community who rely on them to provide the care they need and because it's free, the hospices rely on us, the community, to make sure that they can continue to do so." Havens Hospices community fundraiser,

Hilary Metcalfe, said: "Brad and his customers are just brilliant and their fish and chips are delicious

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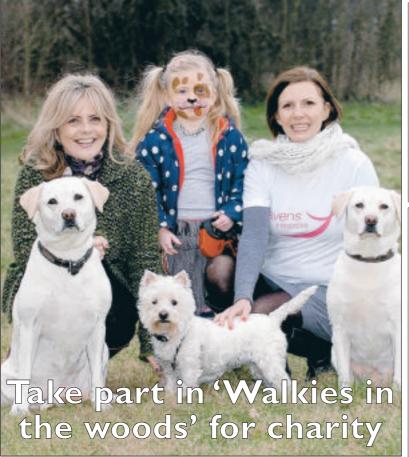
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take part in the
Little Havens
charity dog walk.
Picture by Mark
Cleveland

DOG OWNERS are invited to take part in a Havens Hospices fundraiser.

Generous residents will take part in a sponsored 'Walkies in the Woods' event to raise money for Fair Havens Hospice and Little Havens Children's Hospice.

Dog lovers who sign up will have the option to walk their furry friend around either a 1.5mile or a 3.5mile route through the woods surrounding the children's hospice Thundersley.

All dogs will receive a goodie bag and a free 'Havens Hound' collar tag. The dog that raises the most money for charity will also win a luxury hamper.

Fundraiser Thrippleton said: "Last vear was so much fun and such a big hit that we are doing it all over

again."
Entry is £5 per person or £15 for a family of two adults and children. Children under give go free.

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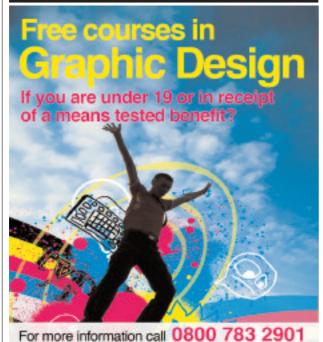
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BRITISH Transport Police are hunting armed robbers after a 16-year-old boy was threatened

with a knife for a £30 phone. The incident happened on Monday, January 2, at Benfleet train station.

The victim was on the plat-form with a friend at about 5pm when he noticed two men and a woman nearby.

The men suddenly approached him, pulled a knife and held it to his stomach as they demanded his mobile

DC Michael Bute said the boy

feared for his safety so he handed the phone over. The attackers and the woman then made off, exiting the station and leaving in a taxi.

DC Bute said: "This was a terrifying and intimidating experience for the victim, simply for a phone worth just £30. If you can name any of these people, we want to hear from you.

The group returned to the station later that evening, the woman pushing a young girl in a pink buggy.

They boarded a train, then changed to the underground at Upminster.

DC Bute continued: "I am urging anyone who have seen the group that evening, or who can identify any of them, to contact us as a matter of urgency."

Detectives believe the group may have links to Upminster, Barking, Dagenham and Canvey Island.

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Residents took to social networking sites after seeing the planes fly over their homes.

The RAF said the planes were taking part in Olympic security training exercises.

A spokesperson said: "They have to familiarise themselves with the area. There will be planes on stand-by for the Hadleigh event in the summer." event in the summer.'

Witnesses to car crash sought

POLICE are looking for witnesses to a car crash which left a 65-year-old man with life changing injuries.

The one-car collision happened last Friday

lunchtime at the roundabout junction of the

A1245 and the A130, near Rayleigh.

The driver of a beige Citroen Xsara Picasso is thought to have lost control of the vehicle on the roundabout.

The car flipped over and the man was trapped.

Two fire crews from Rayleigh Weir used hydraulic cutting equipment to free him. The man was airlifted to Broomfield

Hospital with a serious shoulder injury. He is currently in a stable condition. A section of the road was closed for four

hours while forensic investigators collected evidence.

Anyone with information about the crash is urged to contact Laindon Road Policing Unit by dialling 101.

Give away books

WORLD Book Night organisers are looking for 'givers' to take part in the event on April The event, in its second year, encourages

avid readers to give away free books.
Organisers have selected 25 titles. Givers can selected their preferred books and could be given 24 copies to distribute in an interesting or unusual way.

To find out more, visit www.worldbooknight.org Closing date is February 1.

Free courses

THE CASTLE Point Association of Volunteers is providing free courses for jobseekers between now and June.

A Job Preparation course will be held on January 27 at the Little Lions Childrens Centre, Northwick Park Primary School.

General First Aid will be held at the Tyrells Centre, Seamore Avenue, Thundersley on January 31.

For information on booking free spaces and upcoming courses, call Collette on 01268

Information day

A COMMUNITY information day will be held at the Paddocks Community Centre, Canvey, on January 28.

The event will run from 11am until 2pm and will bring together dozens of organisations including the council, police, fire service, health bodies and local service

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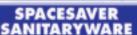






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The application will have to be approved by the Secretary of State. If approved, the developer will submit more detailed plans.

The scheme was approved despite opposition from residents and Rochford Parish Council.

When consulted, Rochford Parish Council said: "The land is currently prime agricultural land and there are serious concerns regarding the loss of this. The road infrastructure will not cope with additional traffic, both during and after construction."

However, the county highways department said it would raise no objection if the developer met a number of conditions, including paying £500,000 towards ongoing highways projects.
Southend Council and the Primary

Care Trust also raised no objections on condition of financial contributions.

Residents sent 215 objection letters raising more than 150 concerns.

They said the developer had not demonstrated the very special circumstances required to build on Green Belt and that there were already many unsold houses on the market in the area.

Councillor Keith Hudson, portfolio holder for planning, said the develop-

ment was unavoidable.

He said: "If you've bought a house next to a wonderful piece of green field or forest, the last thing you want is for that to change. But years ago, when there were no houses, someone built some in the middle of a green field. If they had-n't, you wouldn't be living there."

Mr Hudson said the estate would be

surrounded by 'permanent open space'.
Asked how permanent the space would be, he said: "Nothing is forever, but there would have to be an inordinately strong case to build on this land. As far as I'm concerned, this is it for Rochford until the end of the current plan. I expect I'll be dead and buried before the next plan comes along."



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■ Opinion and readers' letters

We must stop Boris island

IN THE long run-up to the 2010 General Election my fellow Labour candidates and MPs on both sides of the Thames ran vigorous campaigns in opposition to the Conservative London Mayor Boris Johnson's plans for an airport in the Thames Estuary.

I got many replies from concerned residents in Castle Point who almost unanimously were appalled at the thought of a Heathrow-like installation just a few miles from their homes. I imagine my colleagues got similar responses.

I was effectively accused of scaremongering at the time by the Essex Tories, who even persuaded Theresa Villiers (the shadow transport secretary) to lend weight to their arguments.

The arguments against the estuary are well-rehearsed, and included our thoughts that with a Conservative Government this was all the more likely.

I told you so is not an attractive political message, but we told you so. Despite current protestations, if this airport suggestion gets Cameron's backing then expect the compliant Essex Tory MPs to fall in line.

There is only one way to stop this mad idea, and that is to send a clear signal to Number 10 by voting out the Tories. Anyone who wanders around the Borough of Southend-on-Sea cannot fail to see that 'conserving' is not on the Tory agenda. We are already heading towards a Concrete-on-Sea town; an estuary airport will make it Concrete-on-Concrete.

Julian Ware-Lane Labour Parliamentary candidate for Castle Point in 2010 Leigh-on-Sea

It's all about making money

HAVING followed the writings of John Haran and Co over many months, I have to ask the question, why do both sides claim to have a majority following, when clearly, by deducting the total number for and against the Haven building proposal, from the total number of people it affects, the majority don't appear to care much either way.

My personal opinion is this (not that I've ever been asked for it), if as claimed, Fairhavens must be built because it can't cope with demand where it is, and this area needs more quality hospice care, why instead of incorporating internet cafes and such like, are they not increasing substantially the

number of bedrooms so as to accommodate more people? I suspect as usual, it is all about making money under the pretence of caring for the most needy, and would be so wherever this new hospice is built.

> Mr Peter Pettitt Eastwood

Parking permits are the solution

I WOULD like to agree with Mr Tom Pryor who wrote last week about his concerns about parking in Hobleythick Lane, Westeliff

As he said the side turnings adjacent to Hobleythick Lane which by the way is a very busy road have now been designated for permit holders only and the outcome is that the cars that used to park in these side turnings are now being parked in Hobleythick Lane.

I guess that the majority of these cars now parked in this road are Southend Hostpial employees and visitors as the hospital is close by.

The only solution to the parking in Hobleythick Lane in my opinion is to go the way of having permit parking only or have restricted time parking in the road say from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Parking problems must be a

real headache for the council and if my solution were to work in Hobleythick Lane and the cars stopped parking there, then it will only move the problem on to streets further down the road.

> S Fordham Southend-on-Sea

Rules are there and should be obeyed

AS A CEO in Southend, I take offence to John Foster complaining that the council have spoilt it for the disabled by putting in loading bays in Queens Road. For years, there has been a sign up saying that the road has 'No Entry' except for delivery drivers, but the council have willingly not enforced it. Now that they have decided it's time to enforce it, people like John complain.

Disabled drivers can park in the town car parks for free, so the loss of one road is a small price to pay!

I could go on about how a lot of disabled drivers abuse the rules, but I won't in fear of the backlash! So John, please don't complain when there are rules in place that should be obeyed!

Name and e-mail supplied

There are not enough disabled spaces on sea front

I READ with interest the letter in January 18 edition headlined 'No Parking For Disabled', submitted by John Foster

I have e-mailed Southend Council (for the attention of Mr. Meddle), at least three times in the last 18 months, only to receive a computer generated response along the lines of 'we will investigate and advise in so many working days'. My enquiry has been about the lack of disabled parking along the seafront, especially outside Rossi. Not only are the parking bays too narrow for wheel-chair users, I see people with child buggies having the same difficulties in getting their car doors open the full width with room for a buggy.

room for a buggy.

In busy periods, those with walking difficulties cannot enjoy the many cafes along this area, as there is not one designated parking slot for the disabled. I would have thought that when the parking layout was changed last year (yet again) the Council would have taken the opportunity to provide spaces for disabled and

those with children.

I am sure that there are more disabled and elderly people using the seafront than cyclists, however, cycling lanes seem to be popping up all over Southend.

> Sandra Moore Leigh On Sea

Thank you for helping

MY MOTHER fell and badly cut her head at the Leigh Station Boot Fayre on January 15. Please can I say a big thank you to everyone who helped us by phoning the ambulance, giving us blankets and coats and providing us with tissues and dressings.

Also a big thank you to the paramedics and ambulance crew - everyone was so kind.

Andie Todd Via e-mail

Hospice application cannot be forgotten

CHRIS Bailey claims that the Green Belt in Leigh is no place for a hospice, although he makes no mention of Southend United getting a new 22,000-seater stadium - complete 114-bed hotel and supermarket complex - on Fossett Farm's Green Belt at the other end of the borough. (YA January 18)

Moreover, he will be aware that petitions made much news in the local press as 2011 drew to a close.

From prospective councillor Del Thomas calling for CCTV and a concierge for the Malvern, Pennine, Quantock and Chiltern flats, campaigners calling for a pedestrian crossing at the Royston Avenue roundabout before an

and Chiltern Itals, campaigners calling for a pedestrian crossing at the Royston Avenue roundabout before an accident happens, to the mammoth 10,000-strong Westcliff signatories demanding a crossing at the spot where a sixyear old schoolboy was killed on the London Road.

This last - one of the biggest petitions ever to be presented to Southend Council - moved the councillor responsible for transport, Tony Cox, to say that 'whenever a petition is signed by so many people it is only right we give it our full respect and attention'.

Indeed, under the authority's rules, petitions with more than 1,500 signatures must automatically be debated by councillors.

cillors.
So the largest petition ever in the history of petitions hereabouts and probably beyond - calling for Havens Hospices to be allowed to build an adult community hospice on an end bit of Green Belt by Leigh station cannot just be forgotten.

This huge formal evidence of residents' strength of feeling over the issue topped the 20,000 mark with 2,500 signatures from Leigh including 243 from the immediate area surrounding the site itself!

Against which the benighted 537 letters and e-mails protesting this enlightened proposal received by the Council should rightfully pale into complete and utter insignificance.

Doubtless this petition will be back with a bang this year, it would be letting too many people down far too badly otherwise.

For a community amenity like that hospice thoroughly deserves to be built here at a site offering the best road, rail and bus links in the borough for patients, relatives and staff alike together with sunny south-facing vistas to which those approaching their earthly end can be taken to contemplate from open-air landscaped gardens into the bargain of which other available sites in the borough cannot connecte.

compete.
All of which is associated with the best of hospice care in Britain today and the people of this borough are in a position to sanction such no question, and no matter that the site is currently a small, scrubby end-wedge of green belt en-route to the infinitely more evergreen delights of Hadleigh Castle and the Benfleet Downs writ large.

writ large.

And that's not forgetting the Localism Bill which is due to arrive in Southend on April 1 - a mere few weeks away - whereby local referenda are going to be the order of the day as far as today's contentious planning issues are concerned in the fiture.

concerned in the future.

It's no joke and will certainly leave councillors looking like fools for 'inattentively disrespecting' the patience of petitioners like this, especially with local elections looming in May, something else for them to remember perhaps?

John Haran Leigh

He's Paul White

IT WAS pleasing to learn that Paul White is being pursued by the police for money alleged fraudently taken from the public purse that hard working tax payers have made to Essex County Council.

But why do some parts of the media still refer to him as Lord Hamningfield when he does not deserve such reference in view of his conviction for which he has already served time in prison. He was prosecuted as Paul White, jailed as Paul White, and Paul White he is. He betrayed the public and no longer deserves to be referred to as 'Lord'.

> Alan Whitcomb Canvey Island

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1,000 jobs at risk as refinery halts supply

By Charles Thomson

UP TO 1,000 jobs are at risk after fuel supply at Coryton was halted as the Yellow Advertiser

Petroplus said on Tuesday it was expected to file for bankruptcy.

A Petroplus statement said lenders had 'commenced enforcement actions and appointed a receiver in respect of Petroplus Marketing AG's assets in the UK'.

It continued: "The primary goal of Petroplus'

Board of Directors is to ensure that operations are safely shut down and to preserve value for all stakeholders. The Board of Directors has resolved to prepare for a filing of insolvency or composition proceedings."

Petroplus CEO Jean-Paul Vettier said: "We

have worked hard to avoid this outcome but were ultimately not able to come to an agreement with out lenders to resolve these issues given the very tight and difficult European credit and refining markets.

"We are fully aware of the impact that this will have on our workforce, their families and the communities where we have operated our busi-

South Basildon and East Thurrock Stephen Metcalfe has said he would personally ask Prime Minister David Cameron to intervene

if it looked likely the refinery was to stay closed.

Mr Metcalfe said: "Obviously, it is a concerning development but while the parent company is in deep trouble, it's too early to speculate about what the future of Coryton is

"Coryton is the profitable part of the business. I would consider it one of the jewels in the company's crown. I think it could have a future, but not necessarily with Petroplus. What we mustn't do is talk the business down to the point where people lose confidence."

Asked what steps he would take if it looked like the refinery could be shut, he said: "My main concern is the jobs. I've been championing the case of this important employer and manufacturer for years. If it looks like it's going to close, I will personally approach David Cameron, or whoever I need to, to step in. I'll do

whatever I can possibly do to save it."

Castle Point MP Rebecca Harris said: "The critically important thing is to protect these local jobs. MPs and ministers will obviously be working closely with the industry to try to ensure that happens and to keep the refinery open."

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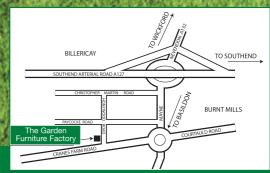
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Getting back to nature

LIZ WADE goes for a stroll in Harold Court Woods to discover one of the area's hidden havens while learning about its wonderfully varied past

MATURING woodland is offering some much needed open space in an area surrounded by houses, close to the busy A12 in Harold Wood.

Harold Court Woods, as its name suggests, will one day, in years to come be a beautiful woodland for future generations to

enjoy.
When I first made my way along Harold Court Road I was actually wondering where the woods actually were. But as I reached the bottom of the road and drove under the railway bridge I discovered its car park and the entrance to a little oasis away from the noise of the busy main road.

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Today, the area is maturing nicely as more than 40,000 trees have been planted there to add to the surrounding belt of mature trees that were already there. The 67 acre site, launched in 2002 as part of the Thames Chase project, which aims to plant more than two million trees, is made up of

fact file

- DIRECTIONS: Harold Court Woods can be found at the end of Harold Court Road, which is off the A12 between Romford and the M25. Drive down Harold Court Road, under the Railway Bridge, and the car park is on the left
- COST: Free
- OPENING TIMES: Every day from dawn to dusk. Check car park for closing times.
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former arable land and grassland.

I left the car and walked along a well kept pathway that looped around areas of young woodland, all of which are protected by fencing until they reach a more mature age. Passing a number of dog walkers along the way I climbed the path's gentle gradient as it made its way up a hill, which rises to 43 metres above sea level at its highest.

There are plenty of benches to relax on as you wander around the pathways, and there is plenty of scope for more exploring as you can, at the furthest corner of the woodlands, walk along a pathway which links the area to Nags Head Lane and Tylers Common.

Exploring Harold Court Woods further I discovered another opportunity to explore another of the borough's maturing woodlands. Pages Wood in Upminster.

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Just past this is a spiral bench which was created by sculptor, Tim Norris, as part of a community art project run when the woodland was first launched. The bench, made of English oak and larch, is called 'The Arise' and was commissioned by Thames Chase and the Forestry Commission to take advantage of the views of the area and west across London.

Continuing my walk around the perimeter of the woodland, I found myself back to where I started, and discovered the area's unusual Apostle's Circle near the car park. The 10 horse chestnut trees that ring around a central tree, were once traditionally planted to represent Christ and his Apostles, and are the inspiration behind Tim's spiral bench.

There is also something else to gaze at on a visit to Harold Court Woods and that is the former Harold Court Mansion, which was built by a wealthy Brentwood solicitor in



1865 on farmland which had been carved out of Upminster Common in the early 1700's.

When he became bankrupt in 1882 the mansion was taken over by the Brentwood School District, before it then became a children's home for a few years in 1885.

It was converted into a lunatic asylum in 1889, before being renamed the Harold Court Sanatorium in 1919, to treat tuberculosis patients during the First World War, and eventually changed its name once again to Harold Court Hospital in 1950. The hospital closed in 1958 and was taken over in 1960 by Brentwood College and used as a teachers training college.

The mansion has since been converted into residential flats and is now known local-

ly as Harold Court House.

Harold Court Woods' location adjacent to Harold Wood and Harold Hill means it offers local people a great place to walk dogs, go for a jog or bike ride, or ride along its bridal paths. It also offers an alternative place to visit for an afternoon out for those further afar who want to take in its peaceful surroundings.

As well as its maturing woodlands, the area also has well kept meadows and a pond, which all provide a perfect haven for local wildlife.

What's more it is a very friendly, community open space as I passed many people who nodded and said hello in that fellow walker way, so I was made to feel perfectly at home - all I had missing was a dog.

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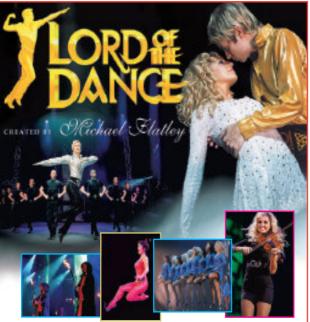
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Ceramics, The Georae Hurd Centre.

Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

Friday, February 3

Coffee Morning, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, comer of Kingsway and Eastwood Lane South (off Southbourne Grove), Westcliff, 10am-noon, gift stall, book stall, homemade cakes and refreshments, in aid of HARP and church funds

An Evening of Uplifting Music, Towngate Theatre, Basildon, The Soldiers 'Message To You'. 01268 465465.

An Evening of Jazz, Interplay at St Anne's

Castle, Great Leighs, music starts 8.30pm, free admission, Richard 01268 781700.

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An Evening of Mediumship, Great Misley Scout Hut, Vange, Basildon, with 'Sandra Chapman', 7.30-9pm.

Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10.15am-12.15pm. 01702 307173.

Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Rumwell, Wickford, every Friday 10am-1pm, 23 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further

details Carole 01288 560005.

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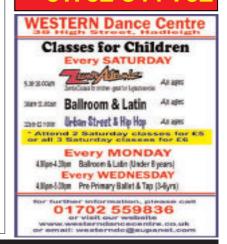
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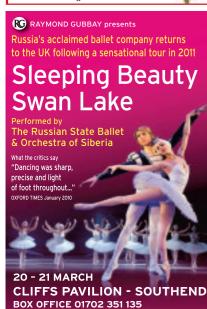
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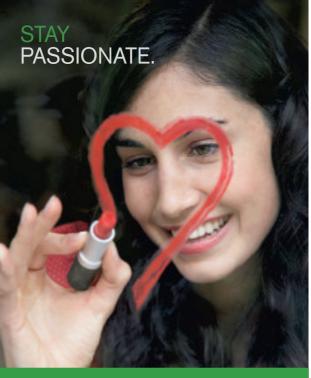
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Thundersley Guide Price £285,000 - £295,000

Three Bedroom Detached Family Home - Extremely Sought After Location - Lounge 21'8 x 11'6 - Sitting Room 12'5 x 11'2 - Conservatory 12'10 x 9'7 - Dining Room 15'1>10'10 x 9'3 - Kitchen 12'0 x 11'3 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 12'3 x 11'5 - Bedroom Two 13'0 x 8'1 - Bedroom Three 9'9 x 7'5 - Four Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden - Off Street Parking - King John School Catchment - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre, Seevic College, Shipwrights Woods & Thundersley Glen - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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OPEN HOUSE! 42 Willow Walk, Hadleigh, Essex, SS7 2RW. Just Turn Up To View!

Guide Price £150,000 - £160,000

Situated in this popular location close to Hadleigh town centre, Morrisons supermarket and school catchments is this deceptively spacious two bedroom terrace family home with the added benefit of a garage in a block to the rear. The property requires some general refurbishment throughout but we feel this has been adequately compensated for in the asking price and although it is currently a large two bed, it could be converted to a smaller three bed if required subject to building regulations. The property is being offered at a realistic price to achieve a quick sale and is an ideal investment opportunity or as a first purchase for a first time buyer or a young family looking to get into a central and easily accessible location within Hadleigh.

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Rayleigh £219,995

Rayleigh £205,000

Three bedroom family home situated on the presigious George Wirney 'Coppice Gate' development at Rayleigh. The property benefits from being yards from the planned living accommodation priced for a quick sale. The property is situated in this popular Ased Supermarks, Rayleigh Leisur Centre and S. Nicholas Pimary School, residential area ideally located for all local amenitates including shops, schools and bus services residential area ideally located for all local amenitates including shops, schools and bus services to surrounding areas. Rayleigh mainline station is within a short drive. No onward chain.

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Eastwood £179,995

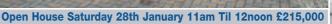
A very attractive two bedroom semi detached bungalow positioned within a most sought after area on the border of Rayleigh & Eastwood providing good access into local shopping areas and woodland. Affording good sized accommodation including spacious lounge, conservatory, double glazing and a pretty 45ft rear garden. Keys held.

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Open House Saturday 28th January 11am til 12noon. 7 Shannon Avenue, Rayleigh SS6 7ST. A delightful semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in popular residential area convenient for High Street shops and local schools. The property offers a fitted kitchen, good sized lounge, fully tiled shower room, uPVC double glazing, good size rear garden and ample off street parking.

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Rayleigh £229,995

An attractive two bedroom detached bungalow ideally positioned for the High Street and mainline station and within the sought after Edward Francis and Fizwinanc catchiment area. The property is offered for sale with no onward chain and benefits from spacious accommodation, detached garage and 63ft rear garden. Scope for extension into roof space (stlpp).

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Rayleigh £429,950

An extremely attractive fully detached four bedroom family residence with deceptively spacious well presented living accommodation and many fine features throughout including two reception rooms, ground floor cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ensuite to master, rear garden with southerly aspect and one and a half width garage.

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A one bedroom first floor retirement apartment within a popular block which offers spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom Westcliff-on-sea £455,000 with walk in shower bath. The property is close to local shops and bus routes and benefits from communal lounge and kitchen with communal garden and parking facilities.

Delightful detached family residence offering spacious living accommodation with huge scope for further extension (s.t.p.). Particular features include a large double glazed conservatory overlooking a communal garden and parking facilities.

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Vacant Office/Shop To Rent Leigh On Sea

Vacant ground floor office/retail unit for rent comprising of attractive double fronted space leading onto staff kitchen/toilet Light Industrial Unit Canvey Island and additional office at rear. Overall size approx 600 sq ft, well decorated throughout, 3 year lease available, popular affluent Thames Drive position, early viewing essential. Rent £12,000 pax 1824 sq ft light industrial unit with private yard at rear positioned upon the regenerated Charfleets Industrial development at Canvey Island. The unit is available immediately. £9,600 per annum.

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Leigh On Sea £675 pcm

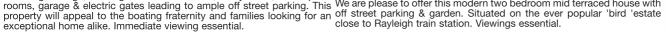
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Magnificent reverse plan four bedroom detached family residence set upon a large plot fronting directly onto the River Crouch within the quaint Hullbridge Village, offering en-suite to master, utility room, 3 reception rooms, garage & electric gates leading to ample off street parking. This exceptional home alike. Immediate viewing essential.



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- Dining Room/Bedroom 2
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 - Ref: FSH1504
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- Gas central heating
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- Bath/shower room
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- 90' Garden
 - Off Street Parking Ref: ESH1506



Ashingdon £330,000

- Ground floor cloakroom
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen

Hockley £239,950



- Bathroom/w.c. Un-overlooked rear garden
- Modern kitchen 'area
 Gas central heating
 Second reception/bedroom
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 Offose to village centre
 Off street parking
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Hockley £379,000



- Favoured location
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new mortgage policing programme. What exactly is it?

A. You're almost certainly talking about the new Mortgage Verification Scheme. Developed jointly

by HM Revenue and Customs, the Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Building Societies' Association, this is a new scheme designed to combat mortgage fraud.

Basically, the scheme revolves around the sharing of data between lenders and the taxman, the idea being to bring an end to the time-honoured custom of overstating your income to one, while understating it to the other.

At the time of its launch last September, much was made of the fact that the new scheme would primarily help mortgage providers to lend more responsibly. The director general of the Building Societies' Association was fulsome in his praise. "This," he said, "is an excellent example of HMRC working proactively with business to provide a valuable service. Mortgage fraud is a cost to the industry and ultimately the consumer - so this scheme benefits both lenders and consumers

It was also claimed that use of the scheme would be limited to those cases where, even after completing their own stringent checks, lenders are still unhappy with the evidence of declared income.

Nevertheless, call me cynical, but I can't help suspecting that in these straightened times, with the Government seriously strapped for cash and constantly looking for ways of squeezing more tax out of anyone and everyone, all the pious talk of responsible lending and the hand-ringing over mortgage fraud is actually a bit of a smokescreen. Ultimately, I wouldn't mind betting that the main beneficiaries of this scheme will actually be...the Treasury.

Tellingly, the launch press release included a sentence which rather let the cat out of the bag. "As well as aiding mortgage fraud prevention," it said, "the scheme will help HMRC to assess whether the information it has been given on applicants' tax affairs is correct...

So there you have it. How long will it be, I wonder, before the small print changes, and instead of checks only being initiated by suspicious lenders, it becomes just another stealth weapon routinely deployed by the taxman?



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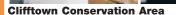


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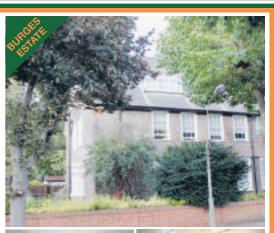




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- Victorian town house
- → West backing garden
- ➡ Lounge
- → Off street parking ⇒En-suite shower
- Dining room
- Six potential bedrooms ⇒room/wc
- Gas central heating

Westcliff On Sea £175,0





We are favoured with instructions as sole agents to offer for sale this spacious fully detached double fronted bungalow being situated within a central location of Westcliff and offering no onward chain. The property offers two double bedrooms and two further reception rooms and benefits from a shared drive leading to own rear garage. There is a West backing rear garden. General modernisation required.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA





Popular and central location of Westcliff is this well maintained family house offering good size accommodation throughout including two separate reception rooms and a large kitchen/breakfast room. There are three bedrooms to the first floor and a bathroom/wc including a separate shower cubicle. Externally the property has an attractive medium size rear garden and there is off street parking to the front. No onward





blocks is this immaculate upper ground floor property offering a spacious lounge/diner opening onto a balcony patio affording superb estuary views. There is a modern fitted kitchen with appliances and an attractive bathroom/wc. Two double bedrooms are on offer, the main benefiting from an ensuite shower room/wc and all reception rooms are newly carpeted. The property comes with a garage and there is no onward chain.

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Southend On Sea



of Southchurch, two reception ro kitchen with integrated four ring electric hob with oven and grill under, plumbing and recess for washing machine, ground floor bathroom/wc with newly installed white suite with electric shower over bath, three bedrooms (two double and one single), full double glazing, gas central heating West backing garden.

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by Steve Walker

ENAULT'S latest Scenic and Grand Scenic models boast crisper styling, more equipment and two new downsized, eco-friendly engines. With chassis technology lifted from the latest Megane hatchback, they retain plenty of dynamic appeal, but the core of the cars remains their spacious and versatile interiors.

The Scenic and Grand Scenic are stalwarts of the compact MPV class, people carriers usually based on family hatchback underpinnings that sit between full-sized MPVs like Renault's own Espace and smaller supermini-sized models, like

based on the Megane family hatch and if you look beneath its Citroen C4 Picasso, Vauxhall Zafira and Ford C-MAX rivals, you'll find similar components to those in the Citroen C4, Vauxhall Astra and Ford Focus respectively. The Scenic is a five-seat version but the Grand Scenic has a seven-seat capacity enabled by its extended dimensions.

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Economy is obviously important for a functional family vehicle but the Scenic's engines also need the performance to move a fully-laden vehicle with a bit of spirit. To this end, Renault has supplemented its core 1.5-litre dCi diesel engine with an enhanced version called the 1.5 dCi 110 Stop-Start. Naturally, the stopstart system and brake energy regeneration are aimed at



seater versions of Scenic will also be the first Renaults to get the new 1.2 TCe 115 petrol engine. Slated to replace the

A change of Scenic

1.6 WT 110 in due course, it offers significantly better economy and CO2 emissions yet delivers a 140lb ft of torque.

The taller, bulkier dimensions of compact MPV products don't lead you to expect the same kind of sporty driving experience offered by the family hatch that spawned them but Renault has applied much of the chassis technology found under its Megane to the Scenic. MacPherson strut front suspension is linked to an innovative horned sub frame that helps to reduce lateral movement and gives more precise steering responses. The rear set-up is based around a tough torsen beam and together, the two systems help the Scenic achieve a very low specific roll angle for a compact MPV. This is an important indication of its ability to corner in a composed manner without leaning too much. The electric power steering has also been refined to give sharper responses and greater accuracy.

Freshen-up facelifts nearly always address the same areas and Renault has been no less predictable with the Scenic. So the front-end gets a crisper, slightly more angular look with some gloss black and chrome detailing. LED daytime running lights

are standard and the design of the rear light clusters has been tweaked.

The interior is where the magic happens in any MPV and both Scenic models lay-on lots of space and versatility. The second row of seats can be folded flat or removed, while the Grand Scenic's third row can be dropped into the floor. Boot space is measured at 522 litres in the Scenic and 702 litres in the Grand Scenic with those rear-most seats folded.

There's a massive array of storage options in the Scenic with a total of 92 litres available. Under-floor compartments, under-seat drawers, a chilled glovebox, centre console cubbies, door pockets and trays on the seat backs should help to keep the family's paraphernalia in check. There are also three 12-volt power sockets to keep the all-important games consoles and MP3 players topped up.

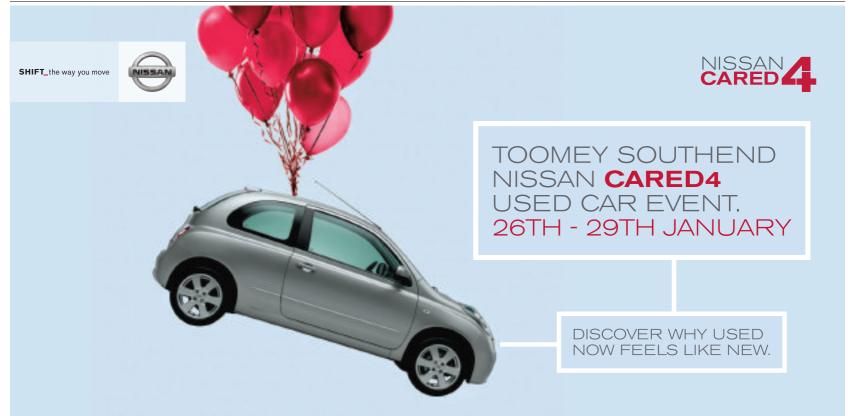
Safety is of paramount importance to family buyers and few manufacturers can match Renault's reputation in this area. Its models routinely achieve maximum five-star ratings from Euro NCAP and the Scenic is brim full of features designed to avoid collisions and protect occupants should one occur. The car can be specified with automatic headlamps and wipers,

cruise control with a speed-limiting function, bi-xenon headlamps that swivel to illuminate round bends and a seat-belt reminder that sounds if a rear-seatbelt is unbuckled. There's also ABS with brake assist and brake force distribution and ESC stability control with CSV understeer control.

The 1.5-litre dCi diesel engines are the Scenic's most environmentally-friendly options and Renault has made it easier for customers to pick out its cleanest products by branding any car with CO2 emissions under 140g/km with its eco2 label. The new 1.5 dCi 110 Stop engine returns claimed 68.9mpg on the combined cycle and CO2 emissions of just105g/km, while the 1.2 TCe offers CO2 emissions of 135g/km and fuel economy of 49.6mpg.

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MPVs can get frumpy in their pursuit of ultimate practicality and family-friendly design but the latest Renault Scenic is looking to redress the balance with refreshed styling, cleaner and more frugal engines and the latest driver-aid tech. The sound basics have been retained and improved upon with the car offering competitive space, a wide array of useful features and Megane-derived chassis dynamics to satisfy the keen driver.



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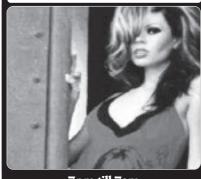
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eopards hunt for silverware

Basketball

LONDON Leopards go into Sunday's National Cup final on the back of a highly successful weekend which saw them extend their winning run to six

The Big Cats hammered second placed Worthing Thunder 89-52 on their own court on Saturday before strolling to a 103-70 home win against Tees Valley Mohawks the following

day.

Vernon Teel put the Leopards 4-3 ahead with just over three minutes gone at Worthing, and they never trailed again, but it was a 12-2 run at the start of the second half which did most of the damage for Leopards as they recorded their first ever away win against the Thunder.

Teel led the Big Cats' scoring with

21 points and nine board, with Ousman Krubally adding a 15 point, ten rebound double-double.

The following day saw Leopards chalk up their eighth win in nine games as Mohawks were hammered in front of another large crowd at Brentwood.

The game was effectively over by the end of the first period as Leopards closed it out on a 15-4 run to lead 29-

Coach Deian Miheve was able to run his bench from the start of the second quarter, giving 11 of his 12 players double-digit court time.

Shooting guard John Lister was in scintillating form, hitting seven three points and finishing with 12/14 shooting as he poured in a season-high 31 points in just 18 minutes.

Leopards now travel to Ponds Forge

in Sheffield on Sunday to face Division One leaders Bristol Academy Flyers in the Cup final.

It will be the second final in the eight year history of the current Leopards club, and they will look to repeat their success of 2005/6 when they defeated Reading Rockets 75-71.

American guard Teel, who leads

Division One in both scoring and assists, is looking forward to playing in the final: He said: "I am excited to

Play in the finals of the Cup.

"It's the first opportunity in my professional career to win some hardware, so I will be ready. It would mean a lot to this team as we have made so many improvements since October. Going into this game we are on a six game winning streak so we will be well prepared and want to keep our streak alive."



lues lose at 10-men Shrews

Southend United

SOUTHEND United suffered a disappointing 2-1 defeat at 10-men Shrewsbury Town in League Two on Saturday.

The Shrews - chasing a play-off spot played more than 60 minutes with a disadvantage following Marvin Morgan's red card for a dangerous challenge on Jean-Paul Kalala.

However, goals from James Collins and Jermaine Grandison either side of Ryan Hall's equaliser inflicted defeat on the Shrimpers, who continue to head League Two, level on 52 points with Crawley Town and Cheltenham Town.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock was disappointed his side could not make the most of their

numerical advantage.

He said: "We started the game very well and had a couple of half-chances. It was pretty even and the sending off was definitely a key feature

"In the second half they showed the will to win that 10 men usually do and caught us a few times on the break when we tried to push forward. That's football and we've won two games this season with 10 men. We'll live to fight

Both sides had early chances to go ahead, David Martin testing Shrews keeper Chris Neal, while Collins' effort was deflected wide. Anthony Grant then saw his effort blocked by the Shrews defence, while Glenn Morris was left scampering across his goal as Jon Taylor's shot went wide.

The game changed dramatically on 28 minutes when Morgan received a straight red card with a late tackle on Kalala which left Southend players incensed.

Despite this, Southend struggled to cope with Shrewsbury on the counter attack, and it was good play by Collins on 53 minutes which caused a rash challenge from Peter Gilbert in the area and resulted in a penalty.

Collins - on loan from Aston Villa - stepped

up to send Morris the wrong way.

Sturrock brought on Bilel Mohsni and Hall

for Grant and the injured Mark Phillips and the move seemed to have paid off on 66 minutes.

Good build-up play from Liam Dickinson played in Hall, who cut in from the right and produced a left foot drive which beat Neal, despite getting a big hand on the ball.

The goal did not deter Shrewsbury who con-

tinued their attacking mentality and were rewarded on 82 minutes.

Grandison rose highest to head in Matt Richards' corner past Morris.

Nine minutes of stoppage time was added following an earlier injury to Shrews' Shane Cansdell-Sherriff, but the Blues could not find the equaliser.

EQUALISER: Ryan Hall. Picture by Dave Montier



larets suffer shock defeat while Fleet draw a blank

Non-League Football

CHELMSFORD City's promotion hopes from Blue Square South took a hit on Saturday, going down 1-0 at home to relegation battlers Staines Town

The Clarets dropped down to third place behind Welling United after David Wheeler's winner on 73 min-

utes.

Thurrock remain adrift at the bottom after playing out a goalless draw against Havant & Waterlooville at Ship Lane.

Ryman League Premier leaders Billericay Town increased their lead at the top, despite being held to a goalless draw at Hastings, who played the majority of the match with ten men after Jamie Crellin's 25th-minute dismissal.

They are two points clear of AFC

Hornchurch and Lowestoft Town who both suffered defeats. The Urchins lost 2-1 at Bury Town in an action packed game.

Jonathan Hunt's 83rd minute cancelled out Sam Reed's opener for the hosts, while Hornchurch's Reiss Noel also saw red.

But John Sands struck in third minute of stoppage time to nick the three points for Bury.

Lowestoft went down 3-2 at Canvey Island. The Gulls took a 3-1 lead into half-time thanks to Alex Rhodes, Bradley Woods-Garness and Jay Curran, with Lubo Guentchev levelling the scores at 1-1.

Chris Henderson pulled a goal back in the second half but Canvey held on

Lowly Aveley earned a goalless draw at Met Police, while Concord Rangers moved to mid-table safety

thanks to Tony Stokes' winner at Kingstonian.

East Thurrock United were held to a 1-1 home draw by Carshalton Ath-

Paul Vines (17) put the visitors ahead, but Sam Higgins (61) earned Rocks a point.

In Ryman League Division One North, Tilbury took derby bragging

rights, beating Grays Athletic 2-1.

Louis Dennis's 12th minute penalty put Grays ahead, but the Dockers fought back in the second half thanks to Joe Nightingill (72) and Steve

Good (79).

Heybridge Swifts lost 3-1 at leaders Leiston, after having Dan Foakes in the first half.

It was 1-1 at half-time after Nathan Stone's sixth-minute opener was can-celled out by Chris Bryan's 26th minute free-kick, with Stone and Michael Brothers edging Leiston

Brentwood Town maintained their play-off push, beating bottom side Ware 1-0 through Steve Butterworth's 11th minute goal, while Ilford moved off the bottom after a 0-0 draw at fellow strugglers Great Wakering

Maldon & Tiptree lost 1-0 at home to play-off chasers Harlow Town through Danny Brown's 80th minute

Redbridge drew 1-1 with Waltham Abbey. Mitchell Das headed the Motormen in front and Ayrton Coley equalised with 13 minutes remaining.

Wale Odedoyin and Jack Barry put Romford 2-0 up against Waltham Forest, with Lee Hales netting the visitors' consolation through the penalty spot after Barry was sent off for hand-

Rugby Union

Southend return to winning ways

SOUTHEND needed to win this home game against Hertford and with the team almost back to full strength they served up a performance that did the job, winning 29-12

Despite enjoying most of the possession and with Martin Freeman looking comfortable on the wing it was not until Sid Hoult slotted a penalty in the 14th minute that Southend got their noses in front.

With a few Hertford players sin-binned, it was Southend's opportunity and they took full advantage with two tries in the space of four minutes. The first a typical nippy effort from scrum half Sam Arnott and the second from back row Alan Barker following a dominant scrum. Hoult converted one of them and the score moved on to 15-0.

Southend's constant pressure was rewarded on the brink of half time when some passes stuck and the ball found Mark Billings who finished off in fine style. Hoult successfully converted the extra two points and the team strolled off the field 22-0 to the good.

It was not until the 56th minute that Hertford made any inroads. It came as the result of a breakaway by winger Mike Allan and was against the run of play.

The visitors continued to counter attack andback row Josh Corcoran raced away heading for the Southend posts and looking sure to reach them. But suddenly he was bought down just short of the line by Chris Vaughan who had made up a terrific amount of ground to get to him and it put a spring back in his team's step. Southend reasserted themselves forcing

Hertford back on the defensive and spent much of the remainder of the time in their half. But it was not until the 76th minute that they were rewarded with their bonus point fourth try from Chris Waring who strode forward and touched down under the posts following sustained pressure from the pack.

Their was just enough time for Southend's Daniel Johnson to get sin binned and for Hertford to score their second try, courtesy of replacement fly half Robert McPherson-Smith who followed up with the successful conversion leaving the final score at 29-12 to Southend.

With all the bottom three losing Southend find themselves still in ninth but with a 16 point cushion.

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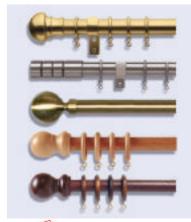
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